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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Paul Metzgen  
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Confirmation No. : 4898  
Filed : August 7, 2001  
For : INTER-DEVICE COMMUNICATION INTERFACE  
Group Art Unit : 2193  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [ ] a Preliminary Amendment;  
[ ] Letter to Official Draftsperson; [X] a Reply to Office  
Action; [ ] Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;  
[ ] a Declaration; [ ] a Power of Attorney; [ ] a Submission  
of Formal Drawings; [ ] formal drawings; to be filed in the  
above identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	12	-	22	* =	0	X \$ 50	= \$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	-	3	** =	0	X \$ 200	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						+ \$ 360	= \$ 0.00
							TOTAL \$ <u>0.00</u>

\* If less than 20, insert 20.  
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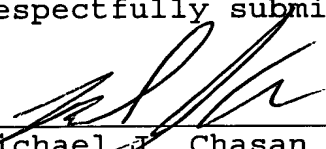
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- ☐ The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; ☐ \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a); ☐ \$2160.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, which did not address the merits of the above-identified patent application, but required restriction of the application to one of two inventions, applicant hereby amends the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply to Office Action.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Reply to Office Action.